

# **Welcome to the November 17th, 2010 Edition of "What's Happening Wednesday"- Kansas Immunization Program**

(Please note that WHAT'S HAPPENING WEDNESDAY includes information "specifically" for VFC {Vaccines For Children} Providers)

**NOTE:** Please forward each "What's Happening Wednesday" to all immunization staff within your practice if they don't already receive it, thanks.

*DID YOU KNOW EACH WEEK'S EDITION OF WHAT'S HAPPENING WEDNESDAY CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT:*  
[http://www.kdheks.gov/immunize/imm\\_news.htm](http://www.kdheks.gov/immunize/imm_news.htm)

## **KANSAS IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM UPDATES-**

### **INFLUENZA UPDATE-**

#### **INFLUENZA SURVEILLANCE UPDATE**

- Overall flu activity remains low in Kansas; new lab-confirmed cases of influenza were identified during the week ending November 13.
- Please visit <http://www.kdheks.gov/flu/surveillance.htm> for more information about flu surveillance.

### **ACIP CHANGES THAT WERE DISCUSSED AT KIP CONFERENCE- Below is a link to some of the info discussed by Donna and Patsy**

#### **CDC WEBSITE POSTS PRESENTATION SLIDE SETS FROM THE OCTOBER ACIP MEETING**

The CDC website recently posted the PowerPoint slide sets presented at the October 27-28 ACIP meeting. To access the slide sets, go to:

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/acip/slides-oct10.htm>

### **DECEMBER 5-11 IS NATIONAL INFLUENZA VACCINATION WEEK--BE SURE TO SUBMIT YOUR ORGANIZATION'S EVENT PLANS**

This year's National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW) is scheduled for December 5-11. We would like to hear from if your organization is planning an activity during National Influenza Vaccination Week--or beyond--to encourage influenza vaccination.

If you have held or are planning to hold events promoting FLU VACCINATIONS please email [mparsons@kdheks.gov](mailto:mparsons@kdheks.gov) and we will post them on our Facebook site as well submit to the CDC webpage! If you would like to submit your activities to CDC now please click on the link below.

To access the event submission form, go to:

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/NIVW/form.htm>

## TIME TO SAY GOODBYE-

It is with great sadness that after 33+ years with our Immunization Program we announce the retirement of our Vaccine & Fiscal Manager, Debbie Baker. Debbie will be leaving us November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 for a more than well deserved retirement.

<http://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=154829731229163&set=a.147465511965585.25628.145815362130600>

### A note from Debbie:

*"I must thank you, and all the immunization staff, for the incredible opportunity you have given me to grow, and to serve along side with you, and to assure that Kansas kids have the vaccines needed to prevent childhood diseases. I will carry all of these great memories with me and keep them close to my heart. I will not be far, and will always be available if the need arises. I wish you all the best and hope that you will continue the great fight. I know I will always be an advocate for vaccines."*

Please join us the next few weeks by taking time to thank and say goodbye to our good friend Debbie. You can email her wishes at [dlbaker@kdheks.gov](mailto:dlbaker@kdheks.gov)  
THANK YOU DEBBIE!

## IMMUNIZE WIN A PRIZE REMINDER-

Please remember that this year's IWP project ends December 31<sup>st</sup>, so make sure you are gathering your completion cards or list of completed kids so you can send them in next month! There will be One (1) \$400 winner awarded for each provider that submits their cards. For more information email [mparsons@kdheks.gov](mailto:mparsons@kdheks.gov) or click here: [http://www.kdheks.gov/immunize/bee\\_wise.html](http://www.kdheks.gov/immunize/bee_wise.html)

## FREE "1 BAD BUG" T-SHIRT-

Check out our FACEBOOK page and you could win!

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Kansas-Immunization-Program/145815362130600>

# • VACCINE UPDATES-

## VACCINE ORDER BLACKOUT

### BLACKOUT PERIOD FOR ORDERING VFC VACCINES

As a follow up to prior messages about order blackout dates in preparation for the upcoming VTrckS go-live on December 13, we want to let you know that the order blackout period for provider orders delivered by McKesson, including flu vaccines, will begin on Wednesday, Dec 8, 2010. As previously stated, order blackout dates related to VTrckS go-live apply to all grantees—not only pilot grantees. Please plan accordingly.

• Orders received Tuesday, Dec 7 will be transmitted to McKesson, followed by a blackout period **with no provider orders transmitted between Wednesday, Dec 8, 2010 and Friday, December 10, 2010.** Any orders transmitted to CDC during this blackout period will not be processed.

• Ordering/order transmission can resume on Monday, December 13, 2010 for both pilot and non-pilot grantees:

The blackout period for placing direct-ship and state funded bulk replenishment orders remains November 19, 2010 as stated previously.

## **AVAILABLE FLU VACCINE-**

Many providers have contacted us letting us know they have extra doses of FLU VACCINE they are trying to redistribute. The expiration dates do not fit our REDISTRIBUTION posting guidelines. If you are in need of FLU vaccine please email [mparsons@kdheks.gov](mailto:mparsons@kdheks.gov) and we will connect you with other providers we have heard have extra.

## • **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES-**

### **INCREASING FLU COVERAGE WITH THOSE WITH CHRONIC CONDITIONS- 1pm Central time TOMORROW!**

Engaging Disengaged Audiences: Strategies & Real-World Approaches for Increasing Flu Vaccine Coverage Among People with Chronic Health Conditions

When: **Thursday, Nov 18, 2010** / 2:00 PM (EST)

Duration: 1:30

Many organizations and public health professionals experience challenges and barriers in encouraging their audiences to get a flu vaccine. This is particularly true for organizations that serve people with chronic health conditions, such as asthma, diabetes, heart, or lung disease. Despite the barriers, flu vaccination is especially important for these individuals because the flu increases their risk of becoming seriously sick, which could result in an unexpected and expensive trip to the hospital-or even death.

Representatives from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and some of the nation's leading health organizations will share strategies and recommendations for engaging individuals who are living with chronic health conditions. Participants will:

- Obtain insight into the barriers that keep many people with chronic health conditions from getting annual flu vaccines;
- Learn about effective tactics to reach disengaged people;
- Explore strategies for effective collaboration to engage disengaged audiences; and
- Learn about collaboration efforts for National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW).

Participants will also receive up-to-date information on the trends and barriers in promoting flu vaccine coverage and learn how CDC is collaborating with leading health organizations for National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW), December 5-11, 2010.

Experts from the following organizations will present insights:

- American Lung Association
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- International Parish Nurses Resources Center
- Walgreens

### **DETAILS FOR JOINING THE WEBINAR**

Live Meeting Link:

<https://www.livemeeting.com/cc/orau1/join?id=BD7RWT&role=attend>

Audio Information:

Toll-free: +1 (888) 469-1750

Participant code: 5569209

Add to my Outlook Calendar:

<https://www.livemeeting.com/cc/orau1/meetingICS?id=BD7RWT&role=attend&i=i.ics>

First-Time Users:

To save time before the meeting, check your system to make sure it is ready to use Microsoft Office Live Meeting.

<http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=90703>

## **BULK QUANTITIES OF THE 2010-11 INFLUENZA VACCINE POCKET GUIDES ARE AVAILABLE--FREE**

To aid in efforts to vaccinate against influenza, the Immunization Action Coalition is inviting IAC Express readers to place orders now for bulk quantities of the National Influenza Vaccine Summit's 2010-11 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Pocket Information Guides. They're free--you can order them in the hundreds or thousands! These laminated, 3.75 x 6.75-inch, 2-color cards serve as a convenient reference for front-line healthcare professionals who vaccinate patients. The cards provide the following information:

- \* Indications, contraindications, and precautions for the injectable and intranasal seasonal influenza vaccines
- \* Clear direction regarding which children need 2 doses of influenza vaccine this year
- \* Dosage, route of administration, and indicated age group for all the various seasonal influenza vaccine products
- \* Talking points for discussing seasonal influenza vaccination with patients

See an image of the seasonal influenza vaccine pocket guide at

[http://www.preventinfluenza.org/fluguide/pocketguide\\_flu.pdf](http://www.preventinfluenza.org/fluguide/pocketguide_flu.pdf)

These pocket guides also serve as a reminder to keep giving seasonal influenza vaccine throughout influenza season (through the spring months).

The Summit is also pleased to be able to offer pocket guides for the administration of pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (PPSV).

See an image of the PPSV pocket guide at

<http://www.immunize.org/ppvguide/pocketguide.pdf>

Each of these pocket guides is designed to be used by healthcare professionals only; THEY ARE NOT PATIENT HANDOUTS.

### **HOW TO ORDER**

Place your order at <http://www.preventinfluenza.org/pocketguides> There is no cost for the pocket guides, shipping, or handling within the U.S. They're going fast, so to avoid disappointment, place your order ASAP!

## **CDC'S DECEMBER 9 NET CONFERENCE TO COVER MENINGOCOCCAL CONJUGATE VACCINE AND ADULT INFLUENZA VACCINATION**

The next "Current Issues in Immunization" net conference will be held on December 9 from noon to 1PM Eastern time. Amanda Cohn, MD, will speak on meningococcal conjugate vaccine; Carolyn B. Bridges, MD, will speak on adult influenza vaccination. The program moderator is Andrew T. Kroger, MD, MPH.

Registration is limited and will close on December 7 or when the course is full. To register, go to:

<http://www2.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/ciinc>

## **DARE TO BE A CHAMPION- 29 Health Departments and 2 Private Vaccine Providers already registered to be champions**

**Learn more by visiting our NEW Website!**

[http://www.kdheks.gov/immunize/dare\\_to\\_be\\_a\\_champion.htm](http://www.kdheks.gov/immunize/dare_to_be_a_champion.htm)

## **• REMINDERS FROM PAST EDITIONS -**

### **DECEMBER 9 WEBINAR TO FOCUS ON A NEW MODEL FOR COMMUNICATING VACCINE-SAFETY INFORMATION TO PARENTS**

A webinar, "Making the CASE for Vaccine Safety: A New Model for Communicating with Parents," is scheduled for December 9 from noon-1:00 pm Eastern time. The speaker is Alison Singer, MBA, founder and president of the Autism Science Foundation (ASF). This program will focus on the science of autism and the latest research regarding autism. It will also address barriers to communication, the top parental concerns regarding vaccines, and how to address these concerns using the CASE method. The webinar is sponsored by the School of Public Health, State University of New York, Albany.

To register, go to:

<http://www.informz.net/ualbany-sph/event.asp?eid=3841>

### **KANSAS IMMUNIZATON PROGRAM NOW ON FACEBOOK- Check us out!**

If your provider office has a Facebook page let us know so we can all connect! Check out our pix, videos and more!

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Kansas-Immunization-Program/145815362130600>



**VACCINE REDISTRIBUTION-** The site has been updated; please check this site before ordering vaccine in order to help us cut down on wastage, thanks.

Please email any additions or changes to be made on the Vaccine Redistribution lists to Kristen Farris at [Kfarris@kdheks.gov](mailto:Kfarris@kdheks.gov)

**REDISTRIBUTION REMINDERS:**

*Providers may place the excess doses on the KIP Re- distribution list if:*

- 1. the vaccine has a minimum of 90 days and a maximum of 365 days before the vaccine's expiration date;*
- 2. the ordering provider is responsible for any doses which expire on the redistribution list that have not been accepted for transfer to another VFC provider;*
- 3. providers accepting vaccine from the redistribution list are responsible for using the doses once they are transferred. KIP encourages providers to accept only doses they can administer before the expiration date;*
- 4. the transferring and receiving provider will document these doses on their monthly MIR/reconciliation reports as transferred vaccines.*
- 5. once vaccine is transferred please contact KIP to let us know so we can adjust the redistribution list by either deleting the line or by reduced the amount of doses.*

**STAY UP TO DATE ON YOUR VACCINE INFORMATION STATEMENTS (VIS)-**

Anthrax (Last Entry [3/10/10](#))  
DTaP (Last Entry [5/17/07](#))  
Hepatitis A (Last Entry [3/21/06](#))  
Hepatitis B (Last Entry [7/18/07](#))  
HPV (Last Entry [3/30/10](#))  
Influenza (Last Entry [8/10/10](#))  
Japanese Encephalitis (Last Entry [3/1/10](#))

Meningococcal (Last Entry [1/28/08](#))  
MMR (Last Entry [3/13/08](#))  
MMRV (Last Entry [5/21/10](#))  
Multi-Vaccine VIS (Last Entry [9/18/08](#))  
Pneumococcal (Last Entry [4/16/10](#))  
Polio (Last Entry [1/01/00](#))  
PPVS (Last Entry [10/06/09](#))  
Rabies (Last Entry [10/6/09](#))

Rotavirus (Last Entry [5/14/10](#))  
Smallpox (Last Entry [11/15/03](#))  
Tdap-Td (Last Entry [11/18/08](#))  
Typhoid (Last Entry [5/19/04](#))  
Varicella/Chickenpox (Last Entry [3/13/08](#))  
Yellow Fever (Last Entry [11/09/04](#))  
Zoster (Last Entry [10/6/09](#))

**Thanks,  
MJP**